

Enter Cross-Word Puzzle Test; Share in Cash Awards of \$1,000

Thirty Problems Will Be Presented to American Readers; Competition Open to All, Just Use Your Wits

A cross-figure number beginning with one and ending with zero.

Put a dollar sign before it. Simple, you say?

And easy, you add?

Well, that's the spirit behind the Boston American Cross-Word Puzzle Contest.

The puzzles are simple and your chances of getting a share of that \$1,000 purse are equally easy.

It's a competition open to all. Nobody's to be excluded or left out to the cold.

To prove that the contest is one of those free and open affairs the Puzzle Editor has decided to run the entire first week a series of puzzles in the coming Monday's issue.

WATCH FOR MONDAY'S PAPER

Two nice columns, watch out for MONDAY'S Boston American. The first six sets. Twelve in all, six for the grown-ups and a half-dozen for the juniors, in addition to the No. 7 sets.

But don't wait for the lot to appear. Go to work on today's puzzle, No. 6, and get it out of the way.

Put yourself in mental trim for the rest of the series, thirty in all.

These puzzles are chock full of a good half-hour's diversion and cerebral-moping. (Look out for that word in one of today's puzzles!) And, in the bargain, you are offered a slice of that \$1,000 stake.

Don't delay in entering the current lap. You'll have a chance to catch up next Monday.

No new-fangled words. Perseverance and a little gray-matter rubbing to all that's necessary.

All classes, social, professional and cultured, have been attracted by the Boston American Cross Word Puzzle Contest. All New England is in on the game.

Hot competition, it is heard, may be expected from Fremont's quarters. Pass any freshman these days and you'll see the freighting lads in their off moments harrying over the Boston American checkerboards.

A BRACE OF TIPS

Puzzle Hunt No. 6 may give your mental apparatus a tumbler. To get you going, here's a brace of tips.

Take a glance at today's junior puzzle, No. 7 horizontal, in particular. Nothing difficult, but it may strike you as odd. You know, again recently has been having a lot of trouble with a Mohammedan folk in Northern Africa. Nothing unusual for Signa to have trouble with these folks, and it wouldn't be any trouble for you to get on to this point at once.

There's something said overboard about fishermen. In No. 12 down, juniors, you'll find the name of about the most important article needed aboard ship. If the ship is to be kept running in the right direction, get it!

Now, here's an earful for the seniors. Seemingly rather unnecessary, since folks are reporting that the junior puzzles have the senior checkerboards stumped for difficulty.

No. 18 across refers to something you eat all the year round, but makes a particularly reasonable prize thing to reward to whom you buy Christmas presents. Especially for the girls at the office.

Look at thirty down. Don't look too long, or it'll sting you. And yet what could be sweeter?

Again, bear in mind that the letter of not over 200 words to the Puzzle Editor, telling why you like across-word puzzles, will play an important part in bringing you a share of the rewards. Write that letter now and put it away among your collection of solved contest puzzles. The letter and more legibly written the letter the better are your chances of a prize.

Remember, you are to solve these puzzles from day to day, but do not send them in until the thirtieth at which has been published.

Remember, newcomers, look out for Monday's American and get an equal start in the race.

Here's way:

\$1,000 IN PRIZES

Senior Class.

First prize.....	\$300
Second prize.....	200
Third prize.....	100
Fourth prize.....	50
And 50 awards of \$1 each.....	50

Total.....\$700

Junior Class.

First prize.....	\$100
Second prize.....	50
Third prize.....	25
Fourth prize.....	10
And 50 awards of \$1 each.....	50
Total.....	\$300

HERE ARE THE SIXTH PROBLEMS

SENIOR No. 6

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
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	24					25		
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40			41				42	
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JUNIOR No. 6

	1	2	3	4	5			
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Here is the sixth pair of puzzles in the Boston American's thirty-day contest for cross-word fans of New England.

One of each, Senior and Junior, will be printed each day in the Boston American until sixty in all have been set before the fans.

Read the rules and conditions and enter today.

Adjoining are the synonyms for the words horizontal and vertical in today's puzzles.

Key to Senior Puzzle No. 6

HORIZONTAL.

- 1-Parasite.
- 2-Guide.
- 3-Biting.
- 4-Tread down.
- 5-A color.
- 6-First part of name of So. American seaport.
- 7-Veritable.
- 8-Part of verb "to be."
- 9-She likes it, but it's so fattening.
- 10-Transportation system (Abbrev.)
- 11-Household utensil.
- 12-It's long and swims.
- 13-A period.
- 14-A cover.
- 15-It always (Abbrev.)
- 16-A Simian.
- 17-Your best friend.
- 18-Twinklers.
- 19-Breasting action.
- 20-Subside.
- 21-However.
- 22-An heir.
- 23-Adjacent to.
- 24-Additional.
- 25-To divert.
- 26-Telids.

VERTICAL.

- 1-French city.
- 2-Four are bills.
- 3-To free.
- 4-Kind of pipe.
- 5-Terronist.
- 6-Of nuts haven't any.
- 7-Constantly.
- 8-Bovates.
- 9-Mateup.
- 10-Light blow.
- 11-A poem.
- 12-Garnets.
- 13-Quick cries.
- 14-Mitrona tillis.
- 15-Hevline.
- 16-Bread signs.
- 17-An enclosure.
- 18-Diversity.
- 19-Sweet stuff.
- 20-To aid.
- 21-Bronze or copper.
- 22-Git's name.
- 23-It's gone now.
- 24-The son.
- 25-New England state (Abbrev.)
- 26-Myself.

KEY TO JUNIOR PUZZLE NO. 6

HORIZONTAL.

- 1-Refuge for ships.
- 2-Use of a North African race.
- 3-Opposite of down.
- 4-"Oh, say can you see ... the dawn's early light."
- 5-Exclamation.
- 6-A boy's name.
- 7-Bug taken out on beach.
- 8-Popular musical instrument (contrabass).
- 9-Not young.
- 10-Myself; objective case of I.
- 11-Dynastie of shes.
- 12-Same as No. 18 horizontal.
- 13-One who does a brave deed.
- 14-One who mends.
- 15-Part of verb "to be."
- 16-A youngster.
- 17-Convulsive that marks an alternation. It corresponds to other.
- 18-One of the seasons.
- 19-What we climb.
- 20-To push with anything pointed.
- 21-Instrument that steers a ship.
- 22-Abbreviation for a nearby State.
- 23-Biblical for behold.
- 24-To run down.
- 25-Same as No. 18 horizontal.
- 26-Promoun.
- 27-Same as No. 8, vertical.

Full page of Cross-Word Puzzles, including all Puzzles to date in this Contest, in Monday's Boston American

Poor Children Appeal to the More Fortunate for Christmas Succor

Make Your Yuletide Happier by Aiding the Impoverished Through Boston American's Basket Fund

It is Christmas Day. A lovely little face is flattened against the window pane. A glow of expectation lights up its pinched, squalor-touched features.

Behind that face are other little faces sinfully alight with expectation. They are waiting for someone.

These little faces are perhaps no longer thrown into twitching terror at the approach of Hunger. His visits have been many and he is now accepted with an oppressive, hopeless calm.

Open the cupboard and you may find a few crusts of bread left over from the night before. Open the teapot on the scrap-wood used stove and you may find some leaves perhaps good for rebelling. Something to allay hunger-aching little stomachs. But—

This is Christmas Day. The lovely little face remains flattened against the window pane.

Suddenly, that glow breaks into a smile. A smile of soul-touching happiness.

The face darts away from the window. "Here he comes," it cries to the other faces.

The other faces hurry to the window. The joy of the moment, the sudden jolt of emotions, set a tear streaming down these little poverty-streaked faces.

The door opens. A man with a heaping basket of food enters.

"A Merry Christmas to you all, with the compliments of the Boston American Helping Hand Christmas Basket Fund," he says.

Picture to yourself the scene of overwhelming happiness that follows. You, who have a happy Christmas Day in store for you, are asked to help to stage at least one such

ADDING THE BASKET FUND



FOUR WILLING WORKERS

At left is Little Barbara Churchill, who has been doing her bit for the Christmas Basket Fund. At right is Gertrude Dolan De Peto, who has given lavishly of her time and energy for the fund and will help distribute the baskets in Roxbury. In the centre are two of the old-fashioned girls in "Sally, Irene and Mary," which will aid the fund through its first three performances, starting Monday night.



Anna Hooks Minerva Outwater

scene of happiness in some poverty-stricken home in Boston.

You will feel so much the happier when you sit down to your own dinner.

It is yours to sweep aside the blight of misery from these children and make this Christmas Day a day of happiness.

Won't you?

Fitting stories of destitution continue to reach the Boston American Basket Fund office in every mail. All these letters, hundreds of them, appeal for food.

A widow who has plenty of trouble writes:

"I am a poor widow with children. One is shellshocked and my little girl fell four years ago and fractured her spine and left her with softening of the brain. I have been sick myself for ten months and find it awfully hard to get along. My little ones had no Thanksgiving as I was sick in bed and I am afraid they will be without Christmas dinner, too, unless some kind friend would like to help."

A child sends this appeal:

"We are very poor, there are nine in the family and no one is working, except my sister. The youngest one is a year old. My father is sick and my mother can not go out to work because of the small children. If you send us a basket it will make my brothers and sisters and all of us very happy."

A mother of four children writes: "I have four children, three in school and one at home. My husband does not make much money and we have to deny ourselves of much during the year. The children ask what they are going to eat Christmas. I thought that I would write and see if you would answer their question"

The fund to date:
Previously acknowledged \$4,040.00
Boston American 1,000.00
Charlotte Sweetney 5.00
J. H. Fine 5.00

R. L.	2.00	St. Augustine's Cadets, Co. Boston	5.00	Kiddie Show at the Strand Theatre,	
Ruth and Marjorie	2.00	Girl Scouts, Troop 7, Roxbury.....	2.00	Uphams Corner, Dochester, direc-	
Uncle Fred B.	5.00	B. A. F.	2.00	tion Lillian Brown	20.00
E. F. Sullivan	1.00	Rymie Welner	1.00	Dr. E. E. Bowen	10.00
Viking Lodge No. 44, I. O. O. F.	10.00	James J. Coughlin & Sons.....	0.00	Net proceeds of entertainment and	
Employee of The Taylor Furniture		Gas Appliance Associates	5.00	dances, K. of P. Hall, Stoneham,	
Co.	15.00	The Stern-Made Dress Co.	5.00	by the pupils of Ivelle Maguire.	50.00
Employees of the mechanical dept. of		David Jacobs	5.00	Robert T. Wilson, Jr.	1.00
the Midland Division, N. Y. N.		Mrs. Mary Warren	1.00	Rodger Darling	1.00
H. & H. R. R., at the Southamp-		W. J. Falvey	-10.00	Edith M. Kearney	5.00
to street engine house.....	22.00	Proceeds from the Magic Show		F. Mildred Skidmore	1.00
C. N. & L. B. Lange	2.00	given by the Yates Troupe at		Watertown Car House, Boston El.	11.00
Steadfast Lodge, U. O. of I. O. L.		Manum Hall, Cambridge.....	20.00	Total	\$5,301.00
of Solitude	5.00	Mrs. R. J. Tuttle	1.00		
Frank J. Holderried	5.00	The Cambridge City Employees.....	25.00		

Touching Appeals for Baskets

The Boston American Helping Hand Christmas Basket Fund receives each day many touching appeals for aid. Among those just received are:

Dear Sir:
I would be very thankful to you if you would send me a ticket for a basket. I have been sick with the grippe and am not able to go back to work yet. I am a widower with a little family to support. Hoping I will receive your kind and friendly offering, I am
Yours truly,
T. C.

Dear Sir:
Would you please send me a basket this Christmas? You sent us one two years ago, but last year Ma was working and we didn't ask any. We've got a new baby now and there are seven of us kids besides Ma and Pa. May God Bless you.
Your loving friend,
P. M.

I am writing to you hoping you will not forget me. I have five small children, none of them able to work. The oldest is only 11 years old. I just buried my husband and anything you do for me I will be more than pleased with it. I am a sad-hearted mother left with five little ones. My baby is not one year old yet, and I don't feel so strong myself. Please don't forget me.
FROM YOUNG WIDOW
I hope I will be able to have

one of your Christmas baskets. I am a young widow left with four children and the little we get we barely live on. My children are from fourteen to four years old. A basket to us means more than I can tell you in words.

I am a widow with four children. It is hard to buy things for them with the money I get. Please don't forget me Christmas and send me a basket. It will help me a great deal. I thank you very kindly, and a merry Christmas.

Will you please send me a basket for Christmas for my dear little ones, six in all, two boys and four girls? My husband makes poor pay, not enough to talk about. I have a number of bills which I cannot meet and I won't be able to get anything for my children. Besides we have a grandfather that lives with us who is not able to work. Please help me today and maybe when my children are grown up, with the help of God, I will be able to help somebody. Please don't forget my six children for Christmas.

MAKES FIRST APPEAL

Please send me one of your Christmas baskets, as one would come in very handy this year. There are three in my family and my husband has found it impossible to get steady work. So

it won't be much of a Christmas for us, otherwise.

This is the first time I have ever written you for anything of this sort, but I have read of the good you have done for others and thought I'd write, hoping to be one of the fortunate ones, also.

I am a young boy, born of a poor family. My father has not worked for four months because he is sick in bed. We are very poor. My mother has to work hard to earn her living and ours. I hope you will send some food for my father and mother. I don't mind for myself. I want to see them happy. I earn a little money as a bootblack and give the money to my mother to buy medicine for my daddy. Now be sure to let me be happy to bring some food for my mother and father.

HUSBAND OUT OF WORK

I hope I am not too late in asking for a basket. I waited hoping my husband would get work so that I wouldn't have to, but as he is out of work since November 9 and we have four small children, the oldest 6 and the youngest 15 months, I am asking you to give us a basket.

I have seven children and my husband makes small pay. We would like to have a basket. have never received any charity and hate to ask now. Could you send a basket to Mrs. — she is very much in need, will not ask for one?

Only Five Days left in which you can do your share to help make others happy

in your shop or your office, if you show this spirit of intolerance toward modern methods, you are not doing justice either to yourself or to your employer.

One of the chief reasons why men in great numbers are dropped from pay-rolls is this very spirit of stupid lack of interest in the modern way of doing things.

Be of today and not of yesterday.

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